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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Corn: Iowa farmers intend to plant 13.5 million acres of corn for all purposes as of March 1, 2010. This is down 200,000 acres from 2009.

Soybeans: Producers intend to plant 9.90 million acres of soybeans in Iowa this year. This is up 300,000 acres from the previous year's planted acres.

Oats: Farmers intend to plant 195,000 acres of oats for all purposes, down 5,000 acres from last year.

All Hay: Iowa producers intend to harvest 1.25 million acres of hay, up 30,000 from last year.

This report is based on the voluntary responses from nearly two thousand Iowa producers. Data collection began February 26, with final interviews completed on March 16. This report provides only a preliminary indication of the acres farmers intend to plant. Actual plantings will depend greatly upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Prospective Plantings, March 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2008	2009	Indicated 2010	'10 as % of '09	2008	2009	Indicated 2010	'10 as % of '09
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, all	13,300	13,700	13,500	99	85,982	86,482	88,798	103
Oats	150	200	195	98	3,247	3,404	3,364	99
Soybeans	9,750	9,600	9,900	103	75,718	77,451	78,098	101
Hay, all ¹	1,550	1,220	1,250	102	60,152	59,755	60,460	101
Wheat, all	40	28	15	54	63,193	59,133	53,827	91

¹ Acres for harvest.